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One paper in the home is worth a dozen in the by-way. THE DEMOCRAT IS THE HOME PAPER OF Mercer County.

## MAYOR MILLER DONS BURDEN

### And Mayor Kenney Steps Down and Out With Clean Administration to His Credit.

With the beginning of the new year last Monday several changes occurred in the municipal household of Celina. Mayor P. E. Kenney, who has served the past four years with credit to himself and the city, turned over the reins of office to H. A. Miller, who was elected to the Mayoralty last fall by a magnificent vote. The confidence of the people in Mayor Miller, we believe, will not be misplaced, and that he will make a worthy successor to Mr. Kenney is not to be doubted.

Mr. Kenney has during his incumbency placed the office on a higher plane generally than it has ever enjoyed, and if there are any who have doubted his judgment in any of the many public matters he has had to deal with, there are none who believe it came from other than the highest conception of public duty. He retires with the best wishes of the people of the community, who know the town enjoys a better moral atmosphere than when he became its chief magistrate.

Clerk J. M. Winter, who has served the village several terms in that capacity, was also appointed in office, his successor being James K. Carlin.

The other official changes were the resignation of Wm. Pumphrey, the Treasurer, Perry Baker, succeeding Geo. Kistner.

The commission line-up has also been slightly changed, Chas. W. Black and Dr. G. J. O. Wintermeyer taking the places of the retiring members, LeBlond and Beiersdorfer.

These officers have all served the people faithfully and well and deserve their thanks.

## ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### St. John's Lutheran Congregation, Ladies' Society and Sunday-School.

At the quarterly meeting held on New Year's day the following officers were elected by the members of St. John's Lutheran Church of this city:

Elder—George Hoelke.  
Deacon—August Myerhus.  
Trustee—Fred Johnson.  
Secretary—P. W. Deitch.  
Treasurer—John Haseman.  
Treasurer of building fund—Philip Linn.  
The L. A. Society elected the following officers at a recent meeting:

President—Mrs. Nelson Heine.  
Vice President—Mrs. Carl Schmidt.  
Secretary—Mrs. Otto Ellerman.  
Treasurer—Mrs. P. W. Deitch.  
The following Sunday-school officers were elected:

Superintendent—Rev. F. G. Reitz, ex-officio.  
Assistant Superintendent—Urban Diner.  
Secretary—Mrs. Carl Schmidt.  
Treasurer—Bennie Deitch.  
Following are the services for next Sunday: Sunday-school at 8:45 and English services, 10 a.m.; English vesper services at 7 p.m.

Rev. Reitz also makes the following announcement for his Hopeful congregation: Sunday, the 7th—Sunday-school at 1 p.m.; English services, 2 p.m.  
The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in connection with the German service on Sunday, January 14, at 2 p.m.

The Board of Education met last Monday evening and organized by selecting Dr. J. E. Hattery, President; Wm. Dick, Vice President; O. Raudenbaugh, Clerk; Frank Ayers, Treasurer. The new members on the Board are Wm. C. Dick, E. M. Dull and Dr. Frank Ayers, who take the places of retiring members F. V. Short, C. H. Howick and E. E. Stephenson.

The ladies' aid society of the M. E. Church will meet this afternoon with Mesdames F. J. Piestorff and Ann Meisler, at the church parlors.

## KARL ENGEL ADVENTURER

By DONALD KENNICOTT

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Under the gigantic dummy hamm which hangs before the door of the market, Karl Engel's fat spindles sleep the deep sleep of nontide and of repletion. Within, Karl Engel himself leans back in his chair, with his pudgy hands clasped over his fat stomach, and—dozes. The young reporter, who stands on the street corner waiting for a car which is to bear him down to his daily tasks, for the hundredth time tells himself gloomily that the world is composed entirely of the bourgeoisie, and that Karl Engel in particular, dozing there in the butcher shop, is bourgeois to the nth power.

Whistling aggressively, Karl's assistant comes in from his belated luncheon and resumes his apron. The wholesaler's wagon backs up to the sidewalk, and Karl, bestirring himself to flicker with the driver concerning the choice of meats, presently staggers back into the shop under an imposing quarter of beef. With a

## LAD DEAD AS RESULT OF BLOOD POISON

Herman Reiter, the eleven-year-old son of Casper Reiter, of Cranberry Prairie, died Wednesday after intense suffering from blood poisoning, resulting from a diseased toe. The funeral of the lad takes place this morning from the Catholic Church at that place.

## TENDERS RESIGNATION AS JUSTICE

Squire John F. Hight, of Hopewell township, has resigned the office of Justice of the Peace, and will be succeeded by Justice of the Peace, John J. Hight, who is a member of the board of trustees of a township, and the right to serve in both capacities seems to be illegal, hence his action.

## CAPTURES A MUCH-SOUGHT PRIZE

G. F. Stoner, of Liberty township, was granted a fine certificate at a State examination of teachers a few days since at Columbus. His Mercer County friends will be glad to hear of the honor that has come to him in the educational field, for they feel that it is richly deserved.

## HOSTS OF HOLIDAY BRIDES

### Fennig—Stein

A most notable event was that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stein, in Liberty township, when at high noon, on the 31st, the daughter, Frieda, was united in marriage to Albert Fennig, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Fennig, Rev. L. Loch, of Chattanooga, performing the ceremony.

The attendants were Carl Stein, brother of the bride, and Clara Fennig, sister of the groom. The bride was attired in a king blue broadcloth, with hat to match, and the groom looked his best in the conventional black. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. The young couple received many useful presents, and will be moving to a farm in Liberty township.

### McQueen—Hole

Quinton C. McQueen, of Washington township, and Miss Edna Hole, of Frankfort township, were united in marriage by Rev. Bennett, of the M. E. Church of this city, at the church parsonage, last Monday noon. The young couple were attended by Walter Carmack and Miss Grace Ballinger.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John McQueen, of near Coldwater, while the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hole, and are well known and very popular young people. After the wedding the bride and groom drove to the home of the bride's parents, where a wedding feast was enjoyed. The young couple will reside on the old McQueen farm in Washington township.

### George C. Seiland, of Rockford, and Miss Anna Hunkeler, of Cardington, Ohio, were united in marriage in the latter town on Sunday, December 24, according to news received here. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. M. F. Lauer.

### Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples the past week:

Roscoe E. Colvin, aged 23, Van Wert county, farmer, son of John A. Colvin, and Rosa Rebeck, aged 19, Union Township, housekeeper, daughter of J. W. Rebeck. Married by Rev. Bauders.

Clara D. Slusser, aged 23, Liberty township, carpenter, son of Jacob Slusser, and Ora L. Carpenter, aged 19, Monticuma, housekeeper, daughter of Wm. Gruber.

Richard May, aged 25, Celina, laborer, son of John May, and Amy Norris, aged 27, Celina, housekeeper, daughter of John Norris. Married by Squire F. V. Short.

Joseph J. Bunge, aged 25, Hopeful township, laborer, son of Wm. Bunge, and Ida E. Garfield, aged 25, Jefferson township, housekeeper, daughter of B. C. Garrison. Married by Rev. Oak.

Clyde L. Rutledge, aged 23, Dublin township, farmer, son of Harry Rutledge, and Zella M. Pond, aged 18, Dublin township, housekeeper, daughter of John Pond. Married by Rev. Thomas Coate.

Albert M. Fennig, aged 23, Liberty township, farmer, son of S. D. Fennig, and Frieda A. Stein, aged 22, same township, housekeeper, daughter of Geo. V. Stein. Married by Rev. Lauer.

Henry Burkett, aged 21, Celina, polisher, son of Daniel Burkett, and Goldie M. Young, aged 18, Celina, daughter of Jacob Young. Married by Rev. McVickin.

Quinton C. McQueen, aged 23, Washington township, farmer, son of John McQueen, and Rosa Rebeck, aged 19, Union Township, housekeeper, daughter of J. W. Rebeck. Married by Rev. Bauders.

Frank Shields, aged 21, Celina, laborer, son of John Shields, and Margaret Ellen Sines, aged 18, Celina, housekeeper, daughter of Thomas Hendershot. Married by Rev. Goubaux.

Harry Hunter, aged 21, Ft. Recovery, laborer, son of H. Hunter, and Mary Hunter, aged 21, same place, telephone operator, daughter of A. A. Kolp. Married by Rev. Chas. Bennett.

Cuffs cured by Hanford's Balsam.

might heave, he lifts it so that it shall catch the hook, and as it swings into place on the rack, he brings it to a standstill with a resounding slap that is really a carousal, and murmurs to himself: "Ach, he was a fine fellow!"

For though Karl's body was cabined within the narrow precincts of a metropolitan meat market, his soul soared far abroad into the celestial spaces of the western wilds—into that fair, free, fabulous land of Bret Harle and large pistols, of Mayne Reid and savage beasts, of Harry Castleman and mad Mexicans. Out there the good, brave beef cattle roamed up and down, pawing the earth, until the creaking "lasso" laid them low; out there the hideous Indian added arrows to one's person and rare zest to every enterprise; and there was gold and blood and fire—a man's world. Ach, himmel, some day he would go, even he, Karl Engel, of Market street, would go there, away from beavers which were but still and bloodless animals, away from men who were but pale, soulless shadows, away from—yes, one must be prepared to make some sacrifices—away from the big, brown glass at Kohlberg's on the corner.

With each recurring spring there came days when, occasion permitting, Karl would shuffle uneasily up and down the sawdusted floor of the shop, instead of dozing in his chair. Always then, Paul Ludwig, the assistant, who was ambitious to possess a shop of his own, would inquire quite pertinently why, then, he did not go out there. But always Karl would sigh gloomily, and defer the day of departure until his bank account should have reached the definite and delectable sum of \$2,500; and gradually the

springtime and the Wanderlust would wear away together.

Yet, at last, on a rare, balmy day in March, there came news that the death of that far-away uncle which sets so many ambitious to liberty, had indeed placed to Karl's credit a multitude of marks, which, when translated into the good-roun dollars of the republic, brought the bank account well above the determined sum. Karl was now his own man; and Karl, after pacing up and down in the sawdust for a stormy hour, thumped down his fist upon the cleaver-block and spoke with the stern voice of mighty resolve. He would go; to-morrow he would go, and Paul Ludwig must run the shop and hire a new assistant.

Sleepless hours of preparation ensued. First the making of his will, in which, as a childless widower, he bequeathed the bank account to his brother Paul Ludwig. Next, the packing of the ancient leather trunk—an operation that for years he had rehearsed and secretly prepared for.

Side by side in his capacious depths were tucked the Machine blanket-vest, which he had bought nine years before, on hearing its cold-resisting virtues praised by a reformed lumberjack in Kohlberg's back room; the steamed Mexican trousers of black velvet which six years before he had seen worn at the masked ball of the County Democracy, and had astutely traced back to the costumers whence they came; the low-heeled farmer's boots which he had observed in the window of a shop near the Union station; the harmless, necessary red handkerchief and the smoked goggles with which to combat the desert sun. With them, too, were placed the "lasso" which on a glad, golden day

long ago, while over at the "yards" to pay his bills, Karl had seen fall from the saddle of one of the yard herders; the big pistol upon which he had looked with covetous eyes for months, as it lay in the dusty pawn shop window, until he had seen some other customer considering it and had been frightened into immediate purchase; and last—but, oh, not least—the long, brass-mounted target rifle, with its exaggerated butt-piece and fore-end handle, with which Karl, at the monthly meeting of the Schutzenverein, given a solid rest and six minutes in which to aim, would put the bull's-eye with a precision altogether appalling.

Remained but to purchase the ticket. And this at first was a difficulty, for neither Don Carlos' rancho, nor "a lonely log cabin gilded by the rays of the declining sun," nor—alas!—Dead Man's gulch, are to be found upon the foldings of any railroad. Yet here Karl showed himself to be a man of resource and worthy of great enterprise. He bought a ticket clear to the coast, and set out with the grave determination to choose his place of embarkation from the car window.

Thus it happened that on a windy day in March Don Quixote of the March, trotting and clad incredibly, rode out of the picturesque little New Mexican town of Medellia upon a rock-wood old Rosinante for which he had paid four prices, bearing across his saddle bow the long brass-mounted rifle of the Schutzenverein. Upon his brow was the black crown of dire discomfort and of high purpose, but in his heart welled up the all-pervading joy of attainment. Would but the Fates be kind!

A road was their instruments—a kindly, devious road that avoided like the baseball park just outside of town,

## FIENDISH ACT VICIOUS MANIAC

### John Kenefake Has Eyes Gouged Out by Insane Inmate at Toledo Hospital.

John Kenefake, aged 78 years, who was taken from this city to the State Hospital for the Insane at Toledo several months ago, died last Monday morning as the result of mental shock, following the gouging out of both his eyes by another inmate of the institution last Friday afternoon.

Information in regard to the terrible tragedy is to the effect that the aged man had wandered from his ward to that of Emanuel Grundisch, an Auglaize County patient, while the attendants were talking to visitors. Grundisch, who later admitted to gouging out the aged man's eyes, informed Kenefake was the devil.

Mr. Kenefake is survived by five sons and two daughters, the latter being Mrs. T. E. Totten, of this city, and Mrs. J. J. McLaughlin, of St. Marys.

The remains of the unfortunate man were brought back to this city last Tuesday noon and taken to the home of his daughter, with whom he formerly lived. Yesterday morning the body was taken to Glenwood, where funeral services were held from the Catholic Church.

## AGAINST FREE SEED DISTRIBUTION

### But Favor Parcels Post, Popular Election U. S. Senators and Other Reforms.

Secretary Irvin Hole, of the Montezuma Farmers' Institute, who was at the hub of the wheel attending a meeting of the Mercer County Agricultural Society, of which he is a member of the Board of Directors, left the resolutions for publication formulated and passed at the session of the institute there last week, Messrs. D. S. Monroe, A. T. Kerns and W. O. Monroe being the members of that committee.

Mr. Hole reports the meeting a very successful one and the speakers very entertaining and instructive.

The resolutions referred to follow: We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to submit the following report:

First—That the institute under their appreciation to our officers and the interest shown in promoting the cause of the farmers' institute of Montezuma, Ohio; also all others who helped to make the institute a success.

Second—That we tender a vote of thanks to our state speakers, Baldwin, Spencer, F. N. Faxon and Mrs. Barrett for their able and instructive discussions on the various subjects.

Third—That we tender a vote of thanks to the members of the State Department of Agriculture for the interest manifested in sending us state speakers, and kindly request that the same be renewed next year.

Fourth—That we favor the extension of a parcels post system as soon as practicable.

Fifth—That we favor the extension of aid in the improvement of our public roads.

Sixth—The enactment of a State pure food law.

Seventh—That the small and dove be protected along with the song birds.

Eighth—That we oppose the distribution of seeds by the members of Congress.

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## RETIRING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TENDERED BANQUET

A banquet was tendered last Monday evening to two members of the Board of Education and the Clerk and Treasurer of Washington township, who retired from office on that date. The retiring members of the school board were J. D. Konrath and A. J. Burkett; their successors, John Granger and Orville Ashcraft. Clerk George Schreyer is succeeded by G. G. Thathner and Treasurer Theodore Schramm by Emory Logsdon.

The banquet, which was a pleasant social affair and an eloquent tribute to the men in whose honor it was given, was held in High School auditorium and participated in by the following: Rev. H. N. Kriebel and family, Mrs. G. H. Mayer, John Granger, J. D. Konrath and family, John Granger and family, O. S. Ashcraft and family, H. E. Walter and family, Emory Logsdon and wife, G. G. Thathner and brother of Marion, Fred, son, Schreyer's wife, Milton Schreyer, John Logsdon, Wm. Schreyer and family, Mrs. C. Robinson, H. J. Robinson and wife and Capt. W. S. Younger.

The banquet table was laden with all the good things Rev. Kriebel acted as toastmaster.

The following list was read:

At a meeting last Friday of the Joint Board of Commissioners of Van Wert and Mercer Counties, they ordered the engineer to advertise and sell the Prussing lot ditch. The sale was set for January 20, 1912, at 10 o'clock, at the Commissioners' office in this city.

H. L. Hight last Friday tendered his resignation as Coroner of the county, and the same was accepted. The board thereupon appointed Dr. Frank E. Ayers as Coroner to fill the vacancy.

The following list was allowed last Friday and are now payable:

Celina Democrat, publishing ditch notice and report of examiners of Commissioners' report

H. H. Hughes, bridge approach

Brookhart & Martin, insurance

Ohio Law Reporter Co., report

O. Raudabaugh, J. P. fees State vs. Wm. Hole

C. W. Harpout, stationery

Johnson-Watson Co., same

E. E. Yingling, plumbing

Brookhart & Martin, J. P. fees State vs. Olenhake bridge

Seiler, J. P. pay on publisher report

Gilbert & Co., publishing report of examiners of Commissioners' report

G. W. Becker, filing abstracts

M. Lutz, engineer fees

Johnson-Watson Co., same

Daniel Myers, view on Plaster road

John Now, same

Peter Lutz, same

Morrison & Evans, pay in full on Becker pike

F. A. Franks, publishing report of examiners of Commissioners' report

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